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Opinion Issued October 1, 2015

The Honorable Robert Bentley Governor of Alabama Alabama State Capitol Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Bentley:

We have received your letter of September 9, 2015, in which you request an advisory opinion on the following constitutional question:

"Would an amendment of Article IV, § 65 of the Alabama Constitution to grant the Legislature power to authorize only a state operated lottery, result in removal of the existing general ban on gambling

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or gaming activities in the State and thus, result in legalizing Class III or other casino style gaming in the state, with or without further legislative act?"

We respectfully decline your request for an advisory opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Greg Shaw
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